

Graduate Council Agenda
Thursday – January 17, 2019
Hurley Administration Board Room 204 – 3:00PM-5:00PM

Note: Course changes and additions will not take effect until they are listed in the graduate catalog. Items marked with an asterisk (*) must have approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before listing in the graduate catalog. Items marked with a plus (+) must be approved by the Department of Education before being listed in the graduate catalog.

Graduate Council Voting Members: Douglas Brozovic, Denise Catalano, Kris Chesky, Lynne Cagle-Cox (Present by Proxy), Nick Evangelopoulos, Jordan Frith, Jennifer Lane, Gwen Nisbett, Daniel Peak (Absent), Gayle Prybutok, Prathiba Natesan (Absent).

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

I-1. Victor Prybutok welcomed the council's return into the start of the new academic term/year, and thanked members for their service.

I-2. Jennifer Lane, chair of the university research committee, will be attending a meeting on February 1, with the interim of VP of research over concerns on the two failed searches. Jennifer encouraged members to get faculty thoughts/concerns to their faculty senate committee representatives in order to funnel their comments into the meeting.

II. MINUTES

MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM II-1. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM II-1.

II-1. Approval of December 20, 2018 minutes.

III. CHAIR / TGS DISCUSSION ITEMS / ACTION ITEMS / INFORMATION ITEMS

III-1. Victor Prybutok shared information that was released last year from the Research Office over graduate student stipends. Relaying that the base line stipends for graduate students has not been raised due to the lack of funds at the academic level however there was an increase on the stipend range. Permitting departments to pay the allowable amount for scholarships and grants to student employees.

III-2. Joseph Oppong reminded members about the concern over student mental health and if there are any ideas to please let him know. Denise Catalano mentioned being on the Provost's Mental Health task force. The task force has been asked to deliver three recommendations regarding mental health for all students. Joseph mentioned discussions over possibly acquiring unpaid interns from Higher Ed to form a cohort group to assist in visiting with students; peer mentoring.

IV. REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES

V. REQUEST FOR ADD NEW OR DELETE EXISTING MAJOR/PROFESSIONAL FIELD, CONCENTRATION, OPTION, MINOR, CERTIFICATE (excluding GACs), OR SPECIALIZATION

VI. REQUEST FOR ALL GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES

VII. REQUEST FOR NEW GRADUATE TRACK PATHWAYS

VIII. REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN PROGRAM, MAJOR, MINOR, DEGREE, OPTION, CONCENTRATION OR REQUIREMENTS

Toulouse Graduate School

MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM VIII-1. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM VIII-1.

VIII-1. Interdisciplinary Studies MS and MA – Request change in Requirements (Requested Exception Yr.: 2019-20)

Justification: The requested changes apply to the self-styled degree and are a continuation to implement recommendations of the THECB peer review.

1. Add INSD 5110 as a second required course for the degree (in addition to the capstone course INSD currently required)
2. Change from three to two areas of study
3. Remove thesis and portfolio options for the culminating experience

A. In Grad Track

IX. REQUEST FOR DUAL OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

X. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Course Changes

Toulouse Graduate School

MOTION TO VOTE ON ITEM X-1. – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF ITEM X-1.

X-1. INSD 5110 - Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research (Course title, Short course title) (Requested Exception Yr.: 2019-20)

Course Title:

~~Interdisciplinary Research and Professional Development~~ > Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research

Short Course Title: ~~INTERDISC RSCH & DEV~~ > INTRO INSD RSCH

B. Course Deletions

NO NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST TO ADJOURN MEETING – UNANIMOUS APPROVAL